

**In the Abstract:**

Please replace paragraph number [0043] with the following amended paragraph:

[00043] A shoe rack for mounting to an upright surface, or for hanging over a door, includes a pair of plastic, vertical side frame members and a plurality of shoe-retaining bars positioned between the side frame members upon which shoes, boxes and the like may be supported. A number of different embodiments are shown, each of which incorporates different features, ~~and each of which may result in improved structural integrity over the prior art.~~ Further, ~~each embodiment may result in a product that is less expensive to manufacture and may result in a product which retains shoes on the shoe rack in a different, or better, manner~~ including the feature of a side barrier arm that acts as a lateral barrier preventing shoes from falling off the side of the rack when the door is swung open or closed.